Price control on Tinidazole

1318 SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Tinidazole is only Rs 100/- per kg. costlier as compared to Metranidazole in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that price of 4 tablets of Tinidazole is Rs. 6 69 whereas 4 Tablets of Metranidazole are at Rs 2 40,

(c) whether it is a fact that indication of both these drugs is the same;

*(d) whether it is also a fact that multi-*national drug company nas a monopoly brand based on Tinidazole,

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry decontrolled Tinidazole from price control and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to include the drug under price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a), (b), (d) and (e) Tinidazole is a non-scheduled bulk drug As per imports statistics pertaining to year 1988-89, the landed cost of this drug is Rs 533 70 per kg On the other hand, the notified price of the bulk drug Metronidazole is Rs 482/- per kg From the MIMS August, 1990 edition. It has been noted that M/s. Euephoric are marketing Foreign tables (each tablet containing 500 mg. of Tinidazole) at Rs. 6 69 (4's pack) However, there are a number of other fomulators who are marketing this formulation at a much lower price

(c) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Standing Committee constituted by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals is looking into this aspect

Production of vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate

1319 SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2942 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd September, 1990 and state

(a) what is the installed capacity of IDPL for Sodium PAS, Erythromycin, Trimethoprim, Paracetamol, Metranidazole and Doxycyline and what is the estimated demand of each during 1990-91,

(b) what are the names of other producers of these drugs and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise,

(c) what is the total value of plant and machinery of IDPL which is lying unutilised during the last three years;

(d) what was the production of Chloroquin Phosphate of IDPL during the last three years, year-wise,

(e) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate are being produced by other units; and

(f) if so, names of those units and production of each during hte last three years, year-wise of each drug?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND COMMUNICATION (SHRI JAI PRAKASH) (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Overcharging on alpha interferron

1320 DR RATNAKAR PANDEY. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported Alpha Interferron is being sold